THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government has operationalised the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) since April, 2005 throughout the country with special focus on 18 states (including the eight erstwhile EAG states, North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir). There are the states requiring additional support in view of relatively weak public health indicators and/or weak infrastructure.

Under the NRHM- Government envisages significant enhancement in budgetary allocation for the health sector, during the XI Plan. The states are also committed to enhancing their allocation for health sector by at least 10% every year in addition to contributing 15% of the NRHM allocation every year during the XI plan. These steps are in line with goal of the Government to increase the expenditure on health to 2% to 3% of GDP over the Mission period.

Rise in diabetic patients

†545. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any effective measures to control the number of diabetic patients, which according to available data has increased upto four crores in the country;

(b) if so, whether any plan has been formulated by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government of India has earmarked a sum of Rs.1660.50 crore under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPDCS).

Pilot projects have been launched in 10 districts to facilitate, among other things, health promotion and early detection of the disease through opportunistic screening.

Flexi pool funds are provided under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to the States for making available drugs for the treatment of diabetes as per laid down standards.

Vaccine and drugs for swine flu

546. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swine Flu which suddenly surfaced and created panic and havoc in certain parts of the country compelled it to import drugs from the United States of America (USA);

(b) whether Government has started manufacturing the necessary vaccine and drugs of Swine Flu in the country; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Yes. There are five indigenous manufacturers of the drug Oseltamivir in India Government of India procurement of forty million capsules was from the indigenous manufacturers.

Development of pandemic vaccine by indigenous manufacturers is being encouraged. Three Indian companies (Serum Institute, Pune, Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad; Panacea Biotech, Gurgaon) are working towards this and it is expected that clinical trials would start in January 2010. If all goes well, indigenous vaccine would be available by May-June 2010.

Benefits of sixth pay commission to AIIMS faculty members

547. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that lots of faculty members of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are leaving institute due to frustration and red tapism as there is lack of research facilities and motivation thereat;

(b) if so, what Government has done to motivate the faculty so that they do not leave the institute;

(c) how many faculty members have left the institute in the last three years;

(d) whether these faculty members are yet to be given the benefits of the Sixth Pay Commission; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No.

(b) Faculty members are encouraged to undertake research. Intramural research proposal are submitted to the Dean, AIIMS which are screened and evaluated by three sub committees of Senior faculty members. Rs. 50.00 lakh per annum is allocated for Intramural research.

Extramural research in AIIMS is managed under the guidance of the Research Committee of the Institute. As per procedures laid down Research proposals are forwarded to funding agencies by the faculty members/Scientists and upon receipt of financial sanctions from the funding agencies, approval of the competent authority at AIIMS is issued subject to clearances from the Ethics Committee, Animal Ethics Committee, Bio safety Committee Health Ministry Screening Committee, Radiation Safety Committee and the Clinical Trial Registry.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.